

with the First Place status in the state of Tennessee for the second consecutive year.

Some of your other outstanding awards include:

The post was named National Community Service Post for the second year

Commander Bray was awarded the Outstanding Recruiter of the year

The post was awarded a plaque for 100% membership

Awarded Honor Post status for exceeding 100% membership

Named All State and the Commander and Quartermaster were named Co-Captains of All State Teams

One of only 139 out of 6,999 posts to be named an All American Post

Commander Bray named All American Commander

I am pleased to have the honor to congratulate you in person and to thank you for your continued service.

**HONORING PROFESSORS WALTER MISCHER, JOEL COHEN, AND CHRISTOPHER SMALL—FOR RECEIVING THE 2015 GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD**

### **HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three New York scientists—Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Christopher Small—for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose award for research within their respective fields.

Founded in 2012, the Golden Goose Award recognizes researchers whose obscure, federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society. This annual contest was inspired by my friend, Representative JIM COOPER of Tennessee, as a way of highlighting the tremendous human and economic benefits of federally funded research.

Dr. Mischel of Columbia University, in conjunction with Drs. Philip Peake and Yuichi Shoda of Stanford University, were recognized for their “Marshmallow Test.” This project measures human behavior, specifically our self-control, by offering children one marshmallow immediately or two if they could wait just 15 minutes alone with their potential treat. The project revealed the importance of self-control and how the trait can be cultivated to appropriately teach our children. Dr. Mischel’s work was made possible by funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Drs. Cohen and Small received the 2015 Golden Goose award for their study on population densities at various altitudes. Working out of the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory in my district, Drs. Cohen and Small developed the first global map of human population distribution with respect to Earth elevation. This innovative way of looking at population density will help us understand how events such as natural disasters or sea-level rise impact population distribution and health. Their work was made possible by funding from the NSF.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Chris-

topher Small for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose Award. Their projects symbolize the importance of federal funding for scientific research and the creativity that research fosters. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their hard work.

### **TRIBUTE TO SKYLER RAWLINGS**

### **HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Skyler Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H citizenship project award. Skyler is the son of Sieanna Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Skyler’s dedication to serving others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Skyler’s actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Skyler on his achievement and I wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

### **TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN AND PORTLAND OREGON**

### **HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial today in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation’s capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Bortvedt, Army; Eldon Dyer, Army; John Fellas, Army; Donald Ford, Army; RD, Sr. Fortner, Army; Clyde Harrop, Army; Donald Kiser, Army; Everett Lee, Army; Patrick O’Brien, Army; Lawrence Torrey, Army; Donald Bean, Army Air Forces; Donald Cresap, Army Air Forces; Harold Goff, Army Air Forces; Lawrence Kissinger, Army Air Forces; Francis Marvel, Army Air Forces; Raymond Morgan, Army Air Forces; Leo Morstad, Army Air Forces; James Riopelle, Army Air Forces; James Sperling, Coast Guard; Stanley Wheeler, Coast Guard; Harold Englet, Merchant Marines; Charles Kempf, Merchant Marines/Army; Kenneth Anderson, Navy; William Birkeland, Navy; Douglas Carer, Navy; Thomas Christman, Navy; Raynold Deluca Sr., Navy; Rupert Fixott, Navy; Donald Fowler, Navy; Ralph Grassmuck, Navy; Roland

Halberg, Navy; Marvin Johnson, Navy; Robert Kahl, Navy; Kenneth Kerns, Navy; Harold Lay, Navy; Gerald Midbust, Navy; Clinton Peck, Navy; George Prusynski, Navy; Leo Schammel, Navy; Raymond Stahly, Navy; Earl Uptegrove, Navy; Murray Watts, Navy; Lyle Wescott, Navy; Merrill Williams, Navy; Robert Zimmerman, Navy; Joe Bruer, Marine Corps; Earle Costello, Marine Corps; Robert Miller, Marine Corps; Juanita Price, Marine Corps; and John Anderson, Navy Reserve.

These 50 heroes join the estimated 20,000–25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington DC from their home states in 2015, adding to the 138,800 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm’s way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick Tobiason for his tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon and trip leader Erik Tobiason for his efforts.

### **RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH**

### **HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Syringomyelia Awareness Month, with the hope that increased awareness of this disease will bring improved care to individuals bravely battling the disease and a cure.

Syringomyelia is a progressive disease of the spinal cord and has no known cure at this time. Thousands of men, women and children all over the world are affected by Syringomyelia and they can suffer from chronic severe pain, widespread symptoms, paralysis and even death. It is imperative that we educate the public and medical communities in order to find a cure for this disease.

I ask all my colleagues to join me and all those impacted with this rare disease, not just today but every day, in the mission to educate the world about Syringomyelia. With more research on the disease and developments of treatments and even a cure, we can decrease mortality for individuals all over the world.

### **TRIBUTE TO CALVIN AND KAREN LARSEN**

### **HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Calvin

and Karen Larsen of Underwood on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Calvin and Karen were married in 1965 and are lifelong residents of Southwest Iowa.

Calvin and Karen's commitment to each other, their children, Nancy and Lind, as well as their grandchildren truly embodies their Iowa values. I congratulate this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II HEROES OF LISTER-KNOWLTON POST 9389 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IN CARIBOU, MAINE

**HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored by the opportunity to acknowledge the great sacrifices made by our World War II heroes of Lister-Knowlton Post 9389 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Caribou and our Veterans throughout Maine's Second District. This commemoration celebrates a monumental victory for the United States these brave Americans helped achieve. Our World War II Veterans changed the world by answering the ultimate call of duty in defense of freedom and democracy.

I'm humbled by the opportunity to honor and thank all of our brave Maine Veterans who helped achieve this immeasurable triumph. Your immortal accomplishments will continue to inspire Maine generations to come.

I stand with your fellow Mainers in thanks for all that you have given to our Country. We will never forget your bravery.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES CENTER & PARMA OFFICE ON AGING

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Donna Smallwood Activities Center and Office on Aging in Parma, Ohio. The agency celebrates its 50th birthday today.

In 1965 the Parma 60+ Club began meeting weekly. Parma Jaycees wives volunteered to coordinate activities led by Donna Smallwood. Donna Smallwood was later hired as the first director when the City of Parma decided to increase services in 1968. Five years later, in 1973, the Sixty Plus Center opened in the newly expanded Memorial Hall with services and activities five days a week. 1973 also marked the founding of the Parma Office on Aging to address the needs of Parma's older adults through an array of supportive services. Finally, in 1991 the Center's current building

was constructed. City officials christened the building in 2009 as the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging.

Over 6,000 members belong to the Center. Though primarily for Parma residents, the agency also serves older adults in any community in the region, with partnerships developed with the nearby cities of Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

From its small beginnings to the thousands of people served today, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging has become an integral part of both people's lives and the community in Parma. Focused always on offering a warmhearted and cheery place to meet, learn, be entertained and find help, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging is truly a home away from home for area seniors. We commend the caring service of its directors and staff both past and present, congratulate its membership on achieving this milestone birthday, and look forward to the future.

I am pleased to join the membership of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging and the community of Parma, Ohio in celebrating this joyous occasion. Onward.

TRIBUTE TO SHELBY SOPER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Shelby Soper of Adair for being chosen for State 4-H Council Membership for 2015–16. Shelby is the daughter of Clint and Mindy Douglas of Adair.

State 4-H Council membership is given to youth who demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills. A total of 40 youth are chosen for this council on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Shelby's dedication to serving others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Shelby's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Shelby on this achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NASHVILLE'S SUPERVISORS ON SITE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site and the impact they make on affordable housing in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1985, Nashville leaders decided to be a part of the extraordinary ministry of the na-

tional Habitat for Humanity movement. With only a handful of volunteers, it often took up to a year to complete one house, but the positive effects were clear and the volunteer passion was unwavering.

Now, in its 30th year of service, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville annually completes more than 30 new home construction projects in Davidson, Dickson, Cheatham and Wilson counties. This would not be possible without the dedicated corps of Habitat's Supervisors on Site.

The Supervisors on Site are not just volunteers who come out to swing a hammer. They are leaders who guide more than 6,000 volunteers each year and provide hands-on training to help them build quality affordable homes alongside the Habitat Partner Families. The Supervisors on Site are the spirit of the volunteer corps and the backbone of the volunteer experience, having helped change the lives of more than 675 hardworking, low-income families through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to salute the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site for their dedicated service as champions of affordable housing. They effect true change in the lives of not just the Habitat homeowners, but the entire community. They make our district and the state of Tennessee proud.

CONGRATULATING JOHN CHANDLER

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, as part of the "Faith it Forward" initiative, I recognized and became more aware of some of the outstanding work and accomplishments of people in my district.

Today I am pleased to congratulate Mr. John Chandler and to personally thank him for the work he continues to do with the youth of McNairy County.

John teaches his students to give back to the community and to help those in need. He organizes student prayer breakfasts, devotionals, youth camps and mission trips. At Christmas, his youth group participates in the "Shoe Box" ministry and usually packs over 400 boxes. He leads the youth to give, visit and serve by example.

In addition to his community service, John shows tireless support for his students in their own endeavors in sports and academics, sends prayer cards and texts during tough times, surgeries and recovery, and sponsors and creates entertainment for the youth of this rural community. John is truly a servant to his community and his youth.

"I am just a servant that has answered the call that God has placed on my heart and pours out through my life. To Him all the glory be given."—John Chandler, Youth Minister, Selmer First Baptist Church

Thank you, John Chandler, for continuing to make a difference in the lives of the youth of McNairy County.